



Newsletter: September 11, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to share this information with you. Many of these resources may be of benefit to you.

1. **Saturday History Seminar.** The Fall Saturday History Seminar will take place on November 7, 2009. The theme for this Seminar is *The Wide World of Social Studies*. **The site for our meeting has changed to South Jordan Middle School (10245 South 2700 West, South Jordan).** Topics to be addressed are: "Watersheds in American History" by Frank Fox. "The Iraq War" by Peter von Sivers, "Researching and Writing local history" by Gary Daynes, "U.S. Foreign Policy" by John Reed, "Pop Culture of the Middle East" by Ewa Wasilewska, "American Slavery between the Revolution and the Civil War" Matt Mason, "Vote 18" League of Women Voters, and "We Shall Remain" project by Liz Player. Additional topics and speakers will be added. Also, note that there will be a day long "GPS in the classroom" by Jared Covili and Ross Rogers. It will be limited to 25 participants who will receive a free GPS unit. **(Please note that if you attended the GPS class in last Spring's Seminar and received a GPS unit, you cannot sign up for this class).**

There will be day classes for Elementary teachers:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade "Geography Skills" by Stephanie Seeley

4<sup>th</sup> Grade "Ways people in Utah make a living" by Judy Jackman

5<sup>th</sup> Grade "U.S. after the Civil War: WW I and the Great Depression" Jan Rolan, Pam Smith

6<sup>th</sup> Grade "World since 1900" by JoAnna Seeley

There will be a free continental breakfast and lunch.

Though this is a free Seminar, but everyone must register. Here's the link:

<https://www.solutionwhere.com/provo/cw/showconference.asp?713>

2. **World Religions Class for Educators—Fall 2009.** The Utah State Office of Education is offering a World Religion class again this fall. The course will

provide teachers and administrators with information about the five major religions by Professor Brian Birch, Director of Religious Studies at UVU; guest speakers from various religious representatives throughout the Wasatch Front (Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hindu, Baha'i); Jodi Ide, Canyon School District educator, will give a presentation on how to talk about religion in the classroom, a 3Rs presentation about religious freedom in America by Martha Ball; and Carol Lear, attorney for U.S.O.E., will discuss Supreme Court cases concerning teaching about religion in school. The Nov. 25 (Wednesday before Thanksgiving) Forrest Cuch, Director of Indian Affairs for Utah, will speak about American Indians.

Participants can qualify for USOE credit or relicensure points.

Tuesday September 22, then consecutive Wednesday nights: September 30-Nov. 4, Nov 18-Dec 9.

Each session begins at 4:00 p.m., and ends at 6:00 p.m.

No cost to attend. Prior on-line registration required. Registration deadline: Sept. 22, 2009. No registration at the Sept. 22, 2009 session. Course limited to the first 25 registrations. Course must have fifteen participants by September 11, 2009.

Here is the link to register:

<http://www.solutionwhere.com/provo/cw/showcourse.asp?654>

For more information , contact Elaine Jones 801-538-7719,

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3. **World War II Lecture Series.** The World War II Veterans Lecture Series will begin a new season on September 14, 2009

This is an excellent opportunity to hear veterans tell their experiences.

Because over 1000 WWII veterans pass away each and every day; the opportunity to hear these brave soldiers recount their time of service to our country is quickly coming to an end.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to earn extra credit. Each student attending receives a signed slip confirming their participation.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of this window into our history.

The World War II Speaker Series

Held the second Monday of each month

Salt Lake City Main Library

210 East 400 South

Auditorium

7:00 pm

No admission charge

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4. **Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy.** *“The Global Financial Crisis: Toward Sustainable Recovery”* Dr. Richard D. Erb, PhD. This free lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by John and Marcia Price in partnership with Westminster College and American Express.

Date: Tuesday September 15, 2009

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Westminster College (Vieve Gore Concert Hall in the Jewell Center for the Performing Arts and Emma Eccles Jones Conservatory (1840 S. 1300 East, SLC, UT.

**What caused the global financial crisis?** Can leaders around the globe restructure financial systems to promote financial stability and sustainable economic growth? With extensive monetary and financial experience, Dr. Erb, former Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, will answer these questions by reviewing current economic and financial system developments.

Dr. Erb is a Research Professor at the University of Montana. His background includes public sector service at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, the White House, the US Treasury Department and the International Monetary Fund. He also worked at Salomon Brothers on Wall Street earlier in his career. He has published and lectured on financial and economic policy issues around the world. He is a Senior Fellow at the World Affairs Council of Montana and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

5. **Vote 18.** The League of Women Voters is sponsoring this resource to Motivate kids to vote. Utah has had a dismal turnout of voters at recent elections. Vote 18 is a resource that is available to help reverse this trend.

Vote 18 is an interactive lesson plan designed to be taught at high schools during one class period (An 85 minute period would work perfectly). It teaches students the history of voting, makes it relevant in their lives, and engages them in the world of politics. Its online site, [www.Vote18.org](http://www.Vote18.org), contains everything you need to conduct the class: a script for the day’s work, video highlights of the plan in action in a classroom, and resources for additional work. Though scripted, there is nothing formulaic about the plan, and there is plenty of room for individual variation. The goal of Vote 18 is to motivate students to register to vote when they turn eighteen, show them the value of their vote, and motivate them to stay politically engaged over the long term.

The League of Women Voters of Utah has joined with Vote 18 to promote the use of this lesson plan in Utah. Vote 18 was designed by a group of committed volunteers from various walks of life who have one thing in common: they recognize the importance of every vote in an election and are passionate about teaching that importance to kids. State Social Studies Specialist Tom Sutton

endorses the plan and recommends it especially for U.S. Government and Citizenship classes. Teachers can download the entire plan for free by going to the website: [www.Vote18.org](http://www.Vote18.org).

**6. Utah Geographic Alliance. GeoAction! & Geography Awareness Week**

The new season for GeoAction! and Geography Awareness Week (Nov 15-21, 2009) is underway!<p>

What is GeoAction! and Geography Awareness Week? A brief overview and history can be found at:

[http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/assets/GAW\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/assets/GAW_FAQ.pdf)<p>

Lots of FREE resources ONLINE for teachers from NGS education programs!! Materials include--Back by popular demand--a teacher TOOLKIT, printable BIG MAP of EUROPE, and fabulous EASY TO USE, pre-GIS mapping curriculum and activities for students grades K-12! <p>

To learn more about GeoAction! and how to sponsor a Geography Awareness week at your school see:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geography-action/index.html><p>

For further information about the GeoAction! or Geography Awareness Week programs, please contact: Sheila Powell, Coordinator, [geoqueen1@msn.com](mailto:geoqueen1@msn.com) or 801 580 7843.<p>

Graphics can be downloaded at <http://www.edtechsupport.net/gis/uga/logos/>